

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
U.S. CONGRESS,
Washington, DC, May 20, 2003.
Hon. JIM NUSSLE,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The enclosed report shows the effects of Congressional action on the fiscal year 2004 budget and is current through May 19, 2003. This report is submitted under section 308(b) and in aid of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended.

The estimates of budget authority, outlays, and revenues are consistent with the

technical and economic assumptions of H. Con. Res. 95, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004. The budget resolution figures incorporate revisions submitted by the Committee on the Budget to the House to reflect funding for the fiscal year 2003 supplemental appropriations act. These revisions are authorized by section 421 of H. Con. Res. 95. This is my first letter for fiscal year 2004.

Since the beginning of the first session of the 108th Congress, the Congress has cleared and the President has signed the following acts that changed budget authority, outlays, or revenues for 2004: the Consolidated Appropria-

tions Resolution of 2003 (Public Law 108-7), the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-11) and the American 5-Cent Coin Design Continuity Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-15). The effects of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution of 2003 are included in the previously enacted section of the enclosed table. The effects of all other new laws are identified separately.

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS HOLTZ-EAKIN,
Director.

Enclosure.

FISCAL YEAR 2004 HOUSE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT AS OF MAY 19, 2003

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
Enacted in previous sessions:			
Revenues	0	0	1,466,370
Permanents and other spending legislation	1,088,831	1,061,159	0
Appropriation legislation	0	35,754	0
Offsetting receipts	-366,335	-366,336	0
Total, previously enacted	722,496	1,040,577	1,466,370
Enacted this session:			
Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2003 (P.L. 108-11)	215	27,349	0
American 5-Cent Coin Design Continuity Act of 2003 (P.L. 108-15)	-1	-1	0
Total, enacted this session	214	27,348	0
Entitlements and mandatories:			
Budget resolution baseline estimates of appropriated entitlements and other mandatory programs not yet enacted	359,270	338,760	0
Total current level ¹	1,081,980	1,406,685	1,466,370
Total budget resolution	1,861,333	1,884,280	1,325,452
Current level over budget resolution	0	0	140,918
Current level under budget resolution	-779,353	-477,595	0
Memorandum			
Revenues, 2004-2008:			
House current level	0	0	8,640,211
House budget resolution	0	0	8,168,933
Current level over budget resolution	0	0	471,278

¹ For purposes of enforcing section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act in the House, the budget resolution does not include prior-year outlays of \$508 million for Social Security administrative expenses. As a result, current level excludes these items.

NOTE.—P.L. = Public Law.
Source: Congressional Budget Office.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ENCOURAGING SECRETARY TOM RIDGE TO RELEASE TAPES OF CALLS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN TEXAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. LAMPSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, tonight I strongly encourage Secretary Tom Ridge to release the tapes of the call from the Department of Public Safety in Texas asking for the Department of Homeland Security to track down Texas House Democrats who fled to Oklahoma last week.

I came up here for literally years talking specifically about the issue of missing children. I find it a little astounding that I am standing here talking about something that is really having such a dire effect on the people of the State of Texas because of the incident that occurred recently, where people literally attempted to cram legislation down the throats of Texas citizens without giving them a voice in that process, a very onerous thing to have happen.

I want to turn my tasks to what I can make a serious difference with on families, something about children. But here I am, asking the Secretary of Homeland Defense to step into a situation where his own agency could have delivered information, and still might, deliver information that could make a difference in helping us understand what it was that drove those 51 legislators out of the State of Texas and over into Ardmore, Oklahoma, to send a message, to send a message that we are not going to take being excluded from participating in the process of making legislation anymore. Whether it is at the Federal level or whether it is in the State of Texas, it is wrong.

The people of this country created a system that we all participate in through our representatives. When representatives are excluded, then the people are excluded. Their voices are not heard.

Back to our request of Secretary Ridge, the use of the Homeland Security

Department for political reasons is shameful, and it needs to be investigated. We need to know answers of why, what happened.

I remember when I was teaching at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, during the years of the early 1970s, the Watergate era. Like all Americans, I was absolutely shocked and dismayed at the wanton abuse of power of the Nixon administration. Secretary Ridge's decision to not release these tapes yesterday brings back memories for me of that dark era in American history. That is not what we are about in the United States of America. We should not have a secret government that keeps stuff from the people.

The Nixon administration used the FBI for political reasons, and then they refused repeated requests from journalists to review their actions. Two weeks ago, the majority leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), told numerous reporters that he wanted the FBI to use its resources to track down the Democrats who went to Oklahoma.

The thought of using the FBI for such reasons, in my opinion, is unconscionable. Now we have learned that the Texas Department of Public Safety used the Homeland Security Department to track down a plane belonging to former Texas House Speaker Pete Laney. The Department of Homeland Security should be used for protecting Americans from terrorists, not for political objectives, regardless of from whom the political objectives come.